

# Windows Hardening Cheat Sheet



## Level

## Actions

### Identity & Access Management

Create Standard & Admin accounts



Use strong password



Enable lock-out policies

### Network Level

Turn on Windows Firewall



Disable unused network devices



Disable remote access



Protect DNS, ARP, and against MiTM

### Application Level

Enable Windows Defender Antivirus



Download apps only from trusted sources



Turn on safe browsing



Enable AppLocker

### Storage

Enable Bitlocker



Turn on Windows Sandbox



Set up file backups



Enable Secure Boot

Enabling **auto-updates** for Windows is the most crucial element for securing Windows machines from **malware** and **threat actors**.